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TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, EFIN, EG, US

SUBJECT: AFRICAN GLEN CASE (PRIVATE CLAIM)

REF: 76 STATE 308566

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING WHAT ACTION TO TAKE, IF ANY, REGARDING THE CLAIM OF FARRELL LINES AGAINST EGYPT, BASED UPON THE ALLEGED DETENTION BY THE GARE OF THE SS AFRICAN GLEN IN THE SUEZ CANAL (GREAT BITTER LAKE) FROM JUNE 6, 1967, TO FEBRUARY 6, 1970. THE EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT THIS CLAIM WAS SPECIFICALLY RESERVED BY THE USG UNDER THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF MAY 1, 1976.

2. THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN, IF ANY, MAY DEPEND UPON WHETHER THE VESSEL PHYSICALLY COULD HAVE EXITED THE CANAL IF OFFICIALS OF THE GARE HAD GRANTED PERMISSION TO DO SO. FARRELL LINES ALLEGES THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE VARIOUS OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CANAL, AND TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DIMENSIONS AND DRAFT OF THE VESSEL

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AND THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF THE CHANNEL, THE VESSEL ACTUALLY COULD HAVE EXITED HAD THE GARE SO PERMITTED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO INDEPENDENT KNOWLEDGE TO SUPPORT OR

REFUTE THIS CONTENTION. HOWEVER, THE CLAIMANT ALLEGES AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS THAT THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITIES OF THE GARE MADE A SURVEY OF THE

SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE CANAL ON OR ABOUT JUNE 13, 1967,  
REGARDING EXISTING PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF THE CANAL. THIS  
SURVEY WOULD BE IMMENSELY VALUABLE IN ASSISTING THE  
DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE CLAIM.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD THUS APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY REQUESTING  
A COPY OF THE SURVEY FROM THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND  
TRANSMITTING IT TO L/C AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.  
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